

State Bar of California Membership Fees Information

Membership Fees

All members, active or inactive, pay annual membership fees. Your first year's fees will be based on your *date of admission*, which is the date upon which you take your oath. A 2010/2011 Fee Statement will be sent to you within 30 days of enrollment. Your future annual Fee Statements will be sent to your address of record in December of each year for the following year's annual fees. Penalties are assessed if fees are not timely paid. To keep your address current, you may change your address on-line after setting up your individual "My State Bar Profile" (your initial access code will be printed on the upper right corner of your Fee Statement).

If you take your oath on:

June 1 – November 30, 2010
December 1 – December 31, 2010

Then your 2010 membership fees will be:

2010 Half-year Active Fees of \$205.00
2010 Active Fees Waived

A Fee Statement will be issued within 30 days of your admission. **Fee Statements issued December 1, 2010, or later, will also include 2011 Active Membership Fees of \$410.** Fees are due within 45 days of invoice. Late penalties will be assessed on the 46th day. Please refer to the actual Fee Statement packet for detailed deadline and penalty information.

Bar Numbers and Membership Cards

Within approximately two weeks of the State Bar's receipt of your completed Registration Card, your membership information, including your state bar number, will be available on the Attorney Search section of the State Bar's website. A 2011 bar membership card will be mailed to you within two weeks of our receipt of your 2011 membership fees payment.

Status or Class of Membership

There are two classes of membership, active and inactive. New members are enrolled as active members and must pay active fees for the calendar year in which they are admitted. However, if a new member is admitted in the month of December, that year's fees are waived, and the member will be billed active fees beginning in January of the next year. (See above). Transferring to inactive status is a serious step requiring the completion of a specific form, which is available on-line. Questions regarding the inactive status should be asked prior to taking the oath. Complete information, including Active and Inactive forms, can be found on the State Bar's website.

**Questions? Contact the Member Services Center at
1-888-800-3400 or MSC@calbar.ca.gov.**

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